

I may not be happy there."

tomorrow.'

The trainer stepped forward.

"Go with him, Akut," said Tarzan

of the Apes. "I will come and see you

The beast moved sullenly to the

trainer's side. The latter, at John

Clayton's request, told where they

"The ape knew you." he said, "and

you spoke together in the ape's tongue.

almost to manhood.

fear and suffering.

the composite jungle life he loved.

was the son of Tarzan of the Apes.

After the boy had been tucked away

Tarzan visited Akut the following

he did not recognize as the wily Paul-

vitch of former days. Tarzan, influ-

the question of the ape's purchase, but

Paulvitch would not name any price,

saving that he would consider the mat-

of his visit, and finally suggested that

home. Lady Greystoke was horrified at

The boy was insistent. Tarzan ex-

plained that he had wished to purchase

Akut and return him to his jungle

Jack asked to be allowed to visit the

ape, but again he was met with flat

He had the address, however, which

the trainer had given his father, and

two days later he found the opportunity

to elude his new tutor-who had re-

placed the terrified Mr. Moore-and

after a considerable search through a

section of London which he had never

The old fellow himself replied to his

he had come to see Ajax, opened the

man, not recognizing his visitor and

fearing that the ape meant mischief,

stepped between them, ordering the apo

"He will not hurt me," cried the boy.

father's friend. They knew one another

Paulvitch encouraged the boy to

come and see him often, and always he

played upon the lad's craving for tales

of the savage world, with which Paul-

vitch was all too familiar. He left him

alone with Akut much, and it was not

long until he was surprised to learn

that the boy could make the great

beast understand bim-that he had

actually learned much of the primitive

During this period Tarzan came sev-

seemed anxious to purchase Ajax, and

was prompted not only by a desire

liberty of his native jungle, but also

because his wife feared that in some

way her son might learn the where-

language of the anthropoids.

back to the bed.

here often to see him."

quarters of the pockmarked old man.

the suggestion.

refusal.

When Tarzan returned home Jack

ape bared his fangs, growling.

SYNOPSIS

A scientific expedition off the African coast rescues a human derelict, Alexis Paulvitch. He brings aboard an ape, intelligent and friendly, and reaches London,

Jack, son of Lord Greystoke, the original Tarzan, has inherited a love of wild life and steals from home to see the ape, now a drawing card in a music hall. The ape makes friends with him.

CHAPTER III. Exit Paulvitch.

S the trainer, with raised lash, hes-A ltated an instant at the entrance utes after they had entered the limouto the box where the boy and the sine. It was the boy who broke the ape confronted him, a tall, broad shoul- silence. dered man pushed past him and entered. As his eyes fell upon the newcomer a slight flush mounted the boy's cheeks. How did the ape know you, and how "Father!" he exclaimed.

did you learn his language?" The ape gave one look at the English lord and then leaped toward him, calling out in excited jabbering. The



man, his eyes going wide with astonishment, stopped as though turned to "Akut!" he cried.

The boy looked, bewildered, from the ape to his father, and from his father to the ape. The trainer's law dropped as he listened to what followed, for from the lips of the Englishman flowed the gutturals of an ape that were answered in kind by the huge anthropoid that now clung to him,

And from the wings a hideously bent and disfigured old man watched the tableau in the box, his pockmarked features working spasmodically in varying expressions that might have marked every sensation in the gamut from pleasure to terror.

"Long have I looked for you, Tarzan," said Akut. "Now that I have found you I shall come to your jungle

and live there always." The man stroked the beast's head.

Through his mind was running rapidly a train of recollections that carried him far into the depths of the primeval African forest, where this huge, manlike

beast had fought shoulder to shoulder with him in years before. He saw the black Mugambl wielding the deadly knob stick and beside them, with bared fangs and bristling whiskers, Sheeta the Terrible and pressing close behind. savage as the savage panther, the hidous apes of Akut. The man sighed. Strong within him

surged the jungle lust that he had even for a brief month of it; to feel



Then Briefly Tarzan of the Apes Told His Son of His Early Life.

again the brush of leafy branches against his naked hide; to smell the musty rot of dead vegetation-frankincense and myrrh to the jungle bornto sense the noiseless coming of the great carnivore upon his trail; to hunt and to be hunted; to kill!

The picture was alluring. And then came another picture-a sweet faced woman, still young and beautiful; friends; a home; a son. He shrugged

his giant shoulders. "It cannot be, Akut," he said. _"But

A MANAGE with the roving instinct which, as Tarzan explained to Paulvitch, had so induenced his own life.

The Russian could scarce repress a smile as he listened to Lord Greywalls of the little room. The boy paled, stoke's words, for scarce a half hour but no other sign of fear or panic showhad passed since the future Lord Greyed upon his countenance. He was the stoke had been sitting upon the disordered bed, jabbering away to Ajax their grip upon his throat. It was with with all the fluency of a born ape.

throat.

The ape lunged against the stout cord

His Hideous Face Went White In Ter

ror-The App Was Free!

difficulty that he breathed—gaspingly. It was during this interview that e plan occurred to Paulvitch, and as a that held him. Turning, he wrapped result of it he agreed to accept a fabulous sum for the ape and upon receipt of the money to deliver the beast to a vessel that was salling south from Dover for Africa two days later.

Everything played into Paulvitch's hands. As chance would have it, Tarzan's son overheard his father relating to the boy's mother the steps he was taking to return Akut safely to his jungle home, and, having overheard, he begged them to bring the ape home that he raight have him for a playfellow, Tarzan would not have been averse to if you would return I shall see that it this plan, but Lady Greystoke was horis done. You could not be happy here; rified at the very thought of it.

Jack pleaded with his mother, but all unavailingly. She was obdurate, and at last the lad appeared to acquiesce in his mother's decision that the ape must be returned to Africa and the boy to school, from which he had been absent upon a vacation.

He did not attempt to visit Paulmight be found. Tarzan turned toward vitch's room again that day, but instead busied himself in other ways. He always been well supplied with "Come!" he said, and the two left the money, so that when necessity demandtheater. Neither spoke for several mined he had no difficulty in collecting several hundred pounds.

Some of this money he invested in various strange purchases, which he managed to smuggle into the house undetected when he returned late in the afternoon.

And then, briefly and for the first The next morning, after giving his time, Tarzan of the Apes told his son father time to precede him and conof his early life-of his birth in the clude his business with Paulvitch, the jungle, of the death of his parents and lad hastened to the Russian's room. of how Kala, the great she ape, had Knowing nothing of the man's true suckled and raised him from infancy character, the boy dared not take him fully into his confidence for fear that the old fellow would not only refuse He told him, too, of the dangers and the horrors of the jungle-of the great him aid, but would report the whole beasts that stalked one by day and by affair to his father.

night; of the periods of drought and of Instead, he simply asked permission the cataclysmic rains; of hunger, of to take Ajax to Dover. He explained cold, of intense heat, of nakedness and that it would relieve the old man of a tiresome journey, as well as placing a He told him of all those things that number of pounds in his pocket, for the eem most horrible to the creature of lad purposed paying the Russian well.

ivilization in the hope that the knowl-"You see," he went on, "there will be dge of them might expunge from the no danger of detection, since I am suplad's mind any inherent desire for the posed to be leaving on an afternoon jungle. Yet they were the very things train for school. Instead I will come that made the memory of the jungle here after they've left me on the train. what it was to Tarzan-that made up Then I can take Ajax to Dover, you see, and arrive at school only a day And in the telling he forgot one No one will be the wiser, no late. thing—the principal thing—that the harm will be done, and I shall have boy at his side, listening so engerly. had an extra day with Ajax before I lose him forever.

That afternoon Lord and Lady Grey n bed John Clayton told his wife of stoke bade their son goodby and saw the events of the evening and that he him safely settled in a first class comhad at last acquainted the boy with partment of the railway carriage that the facts of his jungle life. The would set him down at school in a few mother, who had long foreseen that hours. No sooner had they left him, her son must some time know of those however, than he gathered his bags to. frightful years during which his father gether descended from the compart had roamed the jungle, a naked, savment and sought a can stand outside age beast of prey, shook her head, hopthe station. Here he engaged a cabby ing against hope that the lure she to take him to the Russian's address. knew was still strong in the father's It was dusk when he arrived. He breast had not been transmitted to his found Paulvitch awaiting him. The

man was pacing the floor nervously. The ape was tied with a stout cord day, but though Jack begged to be alto the bed. It was the first time that lowed to accompany him, he was re- Jack had ever seen Ajax thus secured.

fused. This time Tarzan saw the pock-He looked questioningly at Paulvitch marked old owner of the ape, whom The man mumblingly ex he believed the animal had guessed that he was to be sent away and that enged by Akut's pleadings, broached he feared he would attempt to escape.

Paulvitch carried another piece of cord in his hand. There was a noose in one end of it, which he was continually playing with. He walked back and forth, up and down the room. His was all excitement to hear the details pockmarked features were working hor. ribly as he talked silently to himself. his father buy the ape and bring it The boy had never seen him thus. It made him uneasy.

At last Paulvitch stopped on the op posite side of the room far from the ape "Come here," he said to the lad. "I will show you how to secure the ape home, and to this the mother assented. - should be show signs of rebellion during the trip."

The lad laughed. "It will not be necessary," he replied. "Ajax will de whatever I tell him to do."

The old man stamped his foot an grily. "Come here, I tell you," he repeated. "If you do not do as I say you shall not accompany the ape to Dover.

I will take no chances upon his esbefore visited be found the smelly little caping."

Still smiling, the lad crossed the room and stood before the Russ. knocking, and when Jack stated that j "Turn around, with your back toward me," directed the latter, "so I

thought dead. Ah, if he could go back door and admitted him to the little can show you how to bind him quickly."

room which he and the great ape oc-The boy did as he was bid, placing his hands behind him when Paulvitch At sight of the youth the ape leaped told him to do so. Instantly the old to the floor and shuffled forward. The man slipped the running noose over one of the lad's wrists, took a couple of half hitches about his other wrist and knotted the cord. The moment that the boy was secured the attitude of the man changed. He had known and bit-"We are friends, and before, he was my terly hated Tarzan in Africa years before, for Tarzan had broken up his busiin the jungle. My father is Lord Greyness as a slave dealer. Now, with an stoke. He does not know that I have angry oath, he wheeled Tarzan's son come here. My mother forbade my about, tripped him and hurled him viocoming, but I wished to see Ajax, and lently to the floor, leaping upon his I will pay you if you will let me come breast as he fell. From the bed the ape growled and struggled with his bonds

The boy did not ery out-a trait inherited from his savage sire, who during years in the Jungle following the death of his foster mother, Kala, the great ape, had learned that there was none to come to the succor of the fallen.

Paulvitch's fingers sought the lad's throat. He grinned down horribly into the face of his victim.

"Your father ruined me," he mumbled. "This will pay him. He will eral times to visit Paulvitch. He think that the ape did it. I will tell him that the ape did it; that I left him at last he told the man frankly that he alone for a few minutes and that you sneaked in and the ape killed you. I upon his part to return the beast to the | will throw your body upon the bed after I have choked the life out of you, and when I bring your father he will see the ape squatting over it," and the abouts of the ape and through his at- twisted fiend cackled in gloating laugh tachment for the beast become imbued ter.

His fingers closed upon the boy's the cord about his hands, as a map might have done, and surged heavily Behind them the growling of the madbackward. The great muscles stood out dened beast reverberated against the beneath his shaggy hide,

There was a rending as of splintered wood-the cord held, but a portion of the footboard of the bed came away. At the sound Paulvitch looked up. son of Tarzan. The tingers tightened His hideous face went white in terrorthe ape was free!

> With a single bound the creature was upon him. The man shricked. The brute wrenched him from the body of the boy. Great fingers sank into his flesh. Yellow fangs gaped close to his throat-he struggled futilely-and then they closed, and the soul of Alexis Paulvitch passed into the keeping of the demons who had long been await ing it.

The boy struggled to his feet, assisted by Akut. For two hours, under his instructions, the ape worked upon the knots that secured his friend's wrists. Finally they gave up their secret, and the boy was free.

He cut the cord that still dangled from the ape's body. Then he opened one of his bags and drew forth some garments.

His plans had been well made. He did not consult the beast, which did all that he directed. Together they slunk from the house, but no casual observer might have noted that one of them was

> CHAPTER IV. Herr Skopf's Mystery.

THE killing of the friendless old Russian by his great trained ape was a matter for newspaper comment for a few days. Lord Greystoke read of it and, while taking special precautions not to permit his name to be-

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